

REMARKS

Applicants submit this Amendment and Response to the Requirement for Restriction in response to the Office Action mailed on September 20, 2004.

The Examiner has determined that the application contains the following six inventions.

Group I - claims 1-7 - method for dissolving or disaggregating a polypeptide,

Group II - claims 8-12 - method for storing a monomeric peptide,

Group III - claims 13-20, and 27-29 - method for making an aggregate of aggregation-prone polypeptides,

Group IV - claims 21-26 - an in vitro produced aggregate,

Group V - claims 30-43 - assay for determining the extension of polyglutamine aggregates, and

Group VI - claims 44-49 - method for determining the capacity of a chemical compound to inhibit the formation of polyglutamine aggregates.

Applicants elect, with traverse, the claims of Group IV for examination.

Additionally, Applicants request the Examiner to reconsider the Requirement for Restriction with respect to Groups III and IV and to examine the claims of both of these groups.

In addition to electing Group IV and requesting that the Examiner reconsider and examiner the claims of Groups III and IV, Applicants amend the claims of the application as follows.

Applicants have amended the claims by canceling the claims of Groups I, II, V, and VI, (claims 1-12 and 30-49) which claims have not been elected for current examination.

Applicants have added new claims 50-52 which depend from claim 21 and call for an in vitro produced aggregate, and thus are additional elected claims to be examined as Group IV.

Support for the new claims is found in the specification on page 16, line 4, to page 17, line 3, and on page 25, lines 1-20.

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and request an early notice to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

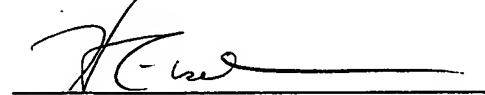


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